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SOURCE:

The following is a translation of the Tagalog text of a Philippine Communist Party document which was used during February 1953 by HMB units active in Quezon Province for the indoctrination of newly recruited members. The document, entitled "The Real Aims of the Communists", is a general theoretical discussion of the aims of the Philippine Communist movement which is of interest principally as an indication of the type of material currently in use by the HMB/Philippine Communist Party for the indoctrination of new members. A second document, also prepared in Tagalog, entitled "Resolution on the Peasants", based on a Party Political Resolution of March 1951, also was distributed at this time by the HMB for indoctrination of new members.

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THE REAL AIMS OF THE COMMUNISTSWhat is Communism?

This is the social system that will succeed Socialism. How and when will this come? Because the factories, the banks, etc. are owned by society, it is certain that production will increase, progress will advance. For example, the whole Philippines needs 100 million cavans of rice annually. If we could produce 500 million cavans or more a year, there will be no struggle for rice anymore. Therefore, our work continues. If one needs 20 cavans a year to prosper, it will be given. Probably one would not ask for an amount greater than his needs, as there will never be any rice shortage. When such a state of production is reached, not only in rice, but also in textiles, houses, radios, automobiles, pianos, and other implements, then Communism will predominate. If a man, his wife, and his child will need a car each, they will be given one. So with other implements. But together with the advancement in production, it is also necessary that our attitude be changed. Most of us now are working in order to live.

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When one is already wealthy, he becomes idle. For Communism to prevail, man's philosophy must be like this: I will work according to my ability because it is my existence, I am not working to death. Under Communism, the time to be spent for production is only 2 hours a day. More time will be spent in study, research, recreation, and pleasure. So the slogan of Communism is: From one based on his ability; and to one according to his needs.

Is there Democracy in Communism?

Based on the description of Communism above, democracy is total and complete, because everybody will get what he needs. There is no restriction in speech, assembly, nor in the publication of ideas and methods.

So it will take sometime before we attain Communism.

Why does the administration say that such will not be established by the movement in case it succeeds?

Because the enemy is adept at telling lies. They know that the firm objective of the proletariat is Communism, but they also know that the state of the nation does not warrant its attainment. So in order to show that we are only dreaming and could not fulfill our words, that is what they aver. They want to hide the immediate objectives of the movement to establish the New Democracy as a preparation towards Socialism and Communism. This is compared to a ladder: At present, the country is in the initial step. If we succeed, we could establish the New Democracy; we will attain the second rung moving towards the third - Socialism, not hopping from the first to the fourth.

The present struggle is not between Democracy and Communism, but liberation from Imperialist domination:

1. The enemy is misleading the people from the real issue. They claim that the present world struggle is Democracy against Communism. Instead of stating the truth, that the current issue, the freedom and redemption of the proletariat, laborers and peasants, including the small landholders and owners of small factories and workers of thought, on one side; and the domination, exploitation, and the political and economic enslavement of the countries, on the other.

Who are dominating the small and backward countries? Who are the tools of domination? Is the Philippines not dominated by the US? It is said that we were granted "independence", however, in fact, we have no freedom because the venom of imperialist domination is encrusted also in the terms of liberty given to the Philippines. Who dominates Indonesia, Burma, India, Africa, and the countries in South America? Are they not the French, English, Dutch, and American imperialists? Who are their tools of domination? Are they not the handful of the bourgeoisie in the dominated countries? In the Philippines, their tools are Magsaysay, Quirino, Osias, Romulo, and other. Such being the case, what must be the issue in our country? None other than freedom and economic progress through the New Democracy.

Who is exploiting the laborers and the peasants? Who has absorbed and is absorbing the small proprietors? Who is taking advantage of the labor of the workers and who is absorbing the small factories and industries owned by the small capitalists? None other than the big landowners, big capitalists who are the tools for American imperialist domination and exploitation. Therefore the real issues are those used by the Communists - freedom, redemption of the country from domination, opportunism, and the oppression of Imperialism, big landowners, and big capitalists - the issues being supported by the HMB and the Communists for the welfare of the majority of the people. If we will permit ourselves to be carried by the issues that will lead us away from the truth, the imperialists of the big landowners and the bourgeoisie will not be eradicated. The collection of land in the hands of a few and the prevalence of the misery, poverty, and enslavement of the laborers and the farmers, will continue.

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1. Comment. It is considered noteworthy that the Philippine Communist movement apparently was utilizing this document for indoctrination purposes during early 1953, together with the March 1951 Party resolution on the peasants. The document quoted in the report is considered of poor quality when compared with many Party propaganda documents which have been acquired within the last year; however, it is conceivable that better propaganda and indoctrination materials may be difficult for HMB elements in some areas to acquire. the second document was confiscated in raids on HMB/Philippine Communist centers in Manila during late-September 1951.

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